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**Re: Petition of The Tennessee Small Local Exchange Company Coalition for
Temporary Suspension of 47 U.S.C. §251(b) and 251(c) Pursuant to 47
U.S.C. §251(f) and 47 U.S.C. §253(b)
Docket No. 99-00613**

Dear David:

Please accept for filing the original and thirteen copies of the Intervenor's¹ request for a continuance in the above-captioned proceeding accompanied by an order granting the request. Copies have been sent to parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: 
Henry Walker

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c: Parties
Richard Collier, Hearing Officer

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

The Intervenors¹ respectfully request a one-week continuance to file supplemental, direct testimony in the above-captioned proceeding. As evidenced by her signature below, counsel for the Tennessee Small Local Exchange Coalition has no objection to this request provided that the Coalition is also allowed an additional week to file rebuttal testimony.

Since no hearing has yet been scheduled in the above-captioned proceeding, granting this request will not unreasonably delay these proceedings or prejudice any party.

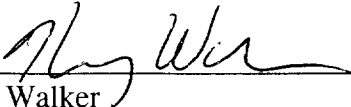
Therefore, the Intervenors ask that they be permitted to file reply supplemental, direct testimony on October 10, 2000, with the Coalition's response due two weeks after on October 24, 2000.

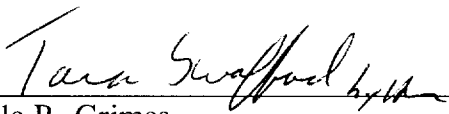
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Attached is a proposed order granting this request.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

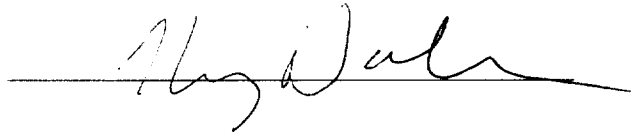
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served via U.S. First Class Mail or Hand Delivery on the parties of record on this the 3rd day of October, 2000.

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ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE

The Intervenors¹ have requested a one-week continuance in order to file supplemental, direct testimony in the above-captioned proceeding.

This request is unopposed by counsel for the Tennessee Small Local Exchange Coalition. Since there are no further filings or hearings presently scheduled in this docket, this continuance will not unreasonably delay these proceedings or prejudice any party.

Therefore, for good cause shown, the Intervenors request is granted.

It is therefore ordered that the Intervenors' supplemental, direct testimony will be due on October 10, 2000 and the reply testimony of the Tennessee Small Local Exchange Coalition will be due on October 24, 2000.

Richard Collier, Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

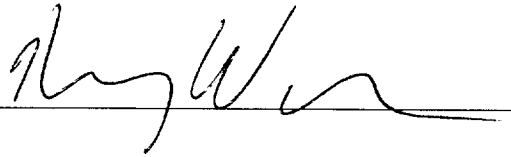
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this the 3rd day of October, 2000.

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